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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

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The Honorable Richard Gephardt  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-204, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Minority Leader Gephardt:

I have been very encouraged by repeated reports of your support for legislation that I have introduced with Congresswoman Lofgren to increase our skilled workforce in both the long-term and short-term by expanding and reforming the H1-B visa program.

In view of your stated support for an increase in H-1B admissions, I am writing to ask that you today join Majority Leader Richard Arney as a cosponsor of H.R. 3983, the Helping to Improve Technology Education and Achievement Act. The bill, which enjoys broad bipartisan support, raises the H-1B cap to 200,000 and targets funding to existing education programs and a newly-created job training program under the auspices of the Department of Commerce.

I am confident that with both the House Majority Leader and the House Minority Leader as cosponsors of H.R. 3983, we will succeed in moving this legislation through the House of Representatives this year.

Sincerely,

David Dreier